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SUBJECT: CENTER OF MULTINATION CORPORATION (MNCS)

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1. IN FOLLOWUP TO CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL B, SWISS OFFICIAL IN DIVISION OF COMMERCE (LEVY) INFORMED EMBOFF JANUARY 24 THAT HE HAD REVIEWED OUR CONCERN ABOUT SOMAVIA WITH FORMER SWISS PRESIDENT SCHAFFNER WHO HAD SERVED WITH SOMAVIA ON EMINENT PERSONS PANEL. SCHAFFNER STRONGLY SHARED USG VIEW RE UNSUITABILITY SOMAVIA FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR MCN INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER. HE RECALLED THAT SOMAVIA HAS CLOSE CONNECTION WITH DE SEYNES WHO HAD SELECTED HIM AS RAPPORTEUR FOR EMINENT PERSONS GROUP WITHOUT FIRST CHECKING OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP.

2. LEVY REITERATED THAT SWISS ARE CONCERNED RE POSSIBLE SELECTION SOMAVIA. RE OTHER POSSIBILITIES, THEY HAVE SOME DOUBTS RE ANY CANADIAN CANDIDATE NOTING THAT HE MIGHT TEND REFLECT SPECIAL CANADIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD U.S.-BASED
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MNCS AND TRY TO MAKE SUCH CONCEPTS GENERALLY APPLICABLE.

3. SWISS HAVE NO CANDIDATE OF OWN TO PUT FORWARD AND IN ANY EVENT ARE DOUBTFUL THAT SWISS NATIONAL WOULD BE CONSIDERED GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE.

4. IN SUM, SWISS SHARE USG INTEREST IN AND CONCERN RE SELECTION OF FIRST DIRECTOR MNC CENTER, BUT HAVE VERY LITTLE TO SUGGEST AT THIS TIME.
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